

The snake is further interesting, in that it bit a cooly in the ankle, and caused his death 12 hours later, a remarkably brief interval for a fatality in this species.

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No. XXXVII.—RECOVERY FROM BITE OF *ECHIS CARINATA*.

A large snake bit a native plough-boy in my presence making two distinct punctures on his ankle. I bound a puggri round the boy's leg as a ligature and sent him to my Veterinary Hospital which was only a few hundred yards off, where the wounds were treated with Pot. Permanganate.

Later my head blacksmith, who is the local snake doctor, gave the boy medicine (the root of some tree, dried, rubbed into a powder and mixed with water).

The boy, while under my treatment, expected to die at any minute, but immediately after swallowing the local decoction he declared himself much better.

He was bitten on the 20th, and except for a local swelling is all right now. He never showed any symptoms of any systemic disturbance.

I daresay the snake was harmless, as I know nothing of snakes. The natives give the snake a fairly bad reputation, but they always say practically all snakes are poisonous, so that does not go far much.

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[The snake sent for identification proved to be a large specimen of *Echis carinata*, measuring 22½ inches in length—EDS.]

No. XXXVIII.—A GRAVID *LACHESIS GRAMINEUS*.

I have lately received from the Andamans a specimen of this viper, killed at the latter end of May or early June, which contained twelve young apparently ready for discharge. The parent measured 2 feet 6 inches. Many of the young had been extracted, but three remained for me to examine. A ♂ measured 7¾ inches, and two ♀♀ were both 7⅝ inches long. In the parent the scale rows were 23 anteriorly and in midbody 17 behind. In the ♂ fetus they were 21 in midbody and in both ♀♀ 23. The parent was almost uniform pale-brownish in colour, with indistinct greenish bars posteriorly. Fœtuses were dark-greenish with irregular light-brownish bands, most conspicuous posteriorly and a series of irregular white marks in the flanks.

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No. XXXIX.—HABITS OF THE MASON-WASP.

A mason wasp built 5 cells in my box which she had closed and was at work on the 6th I removed them, in doing so I broke one and out of curiosity counted the number of small grey spiders it contained, there were 98! Unfortunately I had thrown away the other cells before counting the spiders, but imagine the labour not to mention the "death-roll" among